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Defunct Toilets
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defunct toilets, Statewise/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that in majority of cases the arrangement of sewage, waste disposal and water availability have not been taken care of;

(c) the details of the remedial measures proposed to be taken to solve the said problem and to make Swachh Bharat Mission a success;

(d) whether large number of toilets are defunct/non-functional for reasons like poor quality of construction, incomplete structure, non-maintenance, etc.;

(e) if so, the State-wise details of such defunct/non-functional toilets; and

(f) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to deal with the above shortcomings and hence providing adequate sanitation facilities for all on a sustainable basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) Statewise/ Union Territory-wise, the number of defunct toilets as per Baseline Survey conducted in 2012-13 is at Annexure-1.

(b) and (c) Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is one of the integral components of SBM(G) and under this component, activities like compost pits, vermin composting, biogas plants, low cost drainage, soakage channels/ pits, waste stabilization ponds system reuse of waste water and system for collection, etc. can be taken up. Funds for Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities with a cap of Rs. 7/12/15/20 lakh are available for Gram Panchayats having upto 150/300/500/ more than 500 households.

To ensure adequate availability of water for toilets, under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) {SBM-G}, the incentive for individual toilet has been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000, to provide for water availability, including for storing water for hand-washing and cleaning.

(d) and (e) Statewise/ Union Territory-wise, the number of defunct toilets as per Baseline Survey conducted in 2012-13 is at Annexure-1.

(f) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), the incentive for individual toilet has been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000 to construct good quality toilets. The Swachh Bharat Mission is also laying more focus on behaviour change and usage of toilets. The focus on capacity building has been increased, since there is a need to improve skills, especially those pertaining to community processes and triggering for collective behaviour change. In order to expand these skills and train the key stakeholders, State level workshops involving all the key stakeholders such as Collectors, CEO, Zilla Panchayats, Chairmen Zilla Panchayats etc. are being held in different States. Regional workshops to cross-share learning amongst different States are also being held. The Government of India has also undertaken direct training of Collectors and more than 260 district Collectors from across India have been trained so far. The Centre-State coordination has been increased through increased visits to States, coordination meetings, and reviews. There is also a renewed focus on IEC and a 360 degree media campaign is being envisaged to further boost it. The social media − twitter (@swachbharat), Facebook (Swachh Bharat Mission) and WhatsApp/HIKE - are being extensively used for sharing innovative ideas and cross learning. A National Rapid Action and Learning Unit has been constituted to institutionalise learning from the field and provide quick feedback. The technology aspect is also being focussed and an expert committee under Dr R.A. Mashelkar has been constituted to examine new innovations; and exhibitions are organised to spread these technologies amongst the States and other stakeholders.